



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

Vision Statement

The City of Cologne is a vibrant small town that respects its heritage, embraces its future and offers a high quality of life for all who live, work and visit our community.

Mayor: Matt Lein
Councilmember: Sarah Bruss
Councilmember: Jeri Bowers
Councilmember: Selmer Olson
Councilmember: Carol Szaroletta

NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF DISCUSSION. TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 PM.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Bruss, Bowers and Olson were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Szaroletta was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bowers to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Commissioner John Fahey – County update

Carver County Commissioner John Fahey provided updates to the Council on activity and statistics in Carver County including: transportation updates with work on Hwy 212, 5 and 40, 90% of rural expansion of high speed internet is complete, Health & Wellbeing updates include 95% high school graduation rate with 84% pursuing some form of college education, average life expectancy of 82.3 years and 82% homeownership rate – all above the State and US averages.

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below are considered routine and non-controversial by the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember, Staff or Citizen. If removed, the item will be discussed at the end of the regular agenda.

a. May 19, 2025 City Council Minutes

b. Accounts Payable from May 20th, 2025

c. June 3rd and 17th 2025 Payroll Summary

d. Gambling Permit for St Bernards Raffle

After discussion, Councilmember Olson made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried 4-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Community Gardens Fence – Lana Hendricks and Roger Storms

Community garden members Lana and Roger inquired as to the permitting and approval required for the group to fence the garden. SHIP funds would cover most of the cost of both a 6 ft high chain-link fence and possibly an 8ft x 8ft greenhouse. The Council was supportive of the improvements

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Administrator Update

b. Council / Mayor Reports

i. Jeri Bowers Insurance Update

Councilmember Bowers shared research on our health insurance offering and Health Savings Account Contribution program. It appears we are in alignment with typical employer plan offerings but noting that we should be getting a waiver signed annual at renewal time from all employees acknowledging that they were offered insurance and their intent to accept or decline the coverage.

c. May Sheriff Report

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

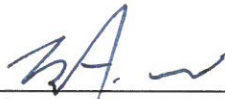
Motion by Councilmember Olson to adjourn at 7:42 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor

